

**How does Congress pass bills?**

**Why did our Founding Fathers make it so difficult to pass laws?**

**Do you think they were right or wrong to do so? Why?**

Representative Sue Kelly visited my fifth period class. She explained to us that there is a lot of work that someone has to go through to get a bill passed. First, an idea from a citizen is mentioned to a representative that gives it to the Congress who decides if it should be made into a bill. If it is passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate, it is sent to the executive branch. The president can veto it or sign it and carry it out. The Congress can override the president's veto by going back and forth between the House and the Senate and they both agree it should be passed.

Our Founding Fathers made it very difficult to pass laws. They allowed Congress to override the president's decision whether or not to veto the bill. In my opinion, they were right. The president is only one person, yes, and he does have more say in some things. If more people who represent the people believe it should be passed, then it should be passed. Like it says in the Constitution, it is a people's country and we have the right to do so.

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